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MEDIA RELEASE

Tractor-Trailer Runs Red Light, Sends One to Shock Trauma

The Traffic Enforcement Section is investigating a serious personal injury collision that occurred at the MD Rt. 32 / MD Rt. 144 intersection in West Friendship, Howard County. The two-vehicle collision occurred today at approximately 1025 hours when a tractor-trailer combination ran the red signal at the intersection and struck a pickup truck.

The Freightliner Road Tractor, which was pulling an empty flatbed trailer, was northbound on Rt. 32 when it failed to stop for the red signal at Rt. 144. A Chevrolet pickup truck traveling westbound on Rt. 144 entered the intersection on the green signal and was struck by the Freightliner. The pickup was pushed into the grass median at the north side of the intersection.

The driver of the pickup truck has been identified as *Wade Albert Waddell*, 33, of the 900 blk. of Wilton Drive in Arbutus, Maryland. Mr. Waddell was transported to the University of Maryland-Shock Trauma and is currently listed in critical condition.

The driver of the Freightliner is identified as *Elwood Lee Gray*, 45, of the 2900 blk. of Anthony Highway in Chambersburg, PA. Mr. Gray was not injured. The tractor – trailer is owned by Nitterhouse Masonry Products, LLC of Chambersburg PA.

Charges are pending further investigation by Pfc. Gallina.